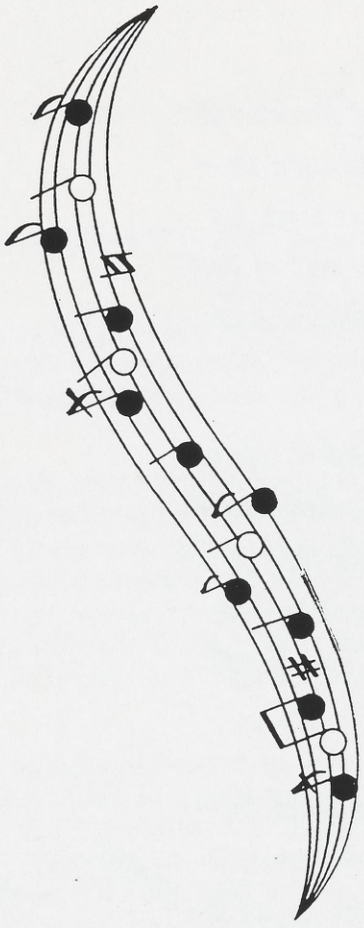
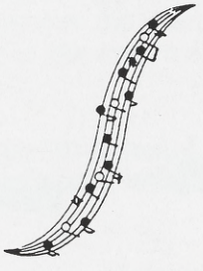


November 4, 1965

January 15, 1998

Home Going Celebration for Kevin Rafael Gauff

Saturday, January 24, 1998
11:00 A. M.



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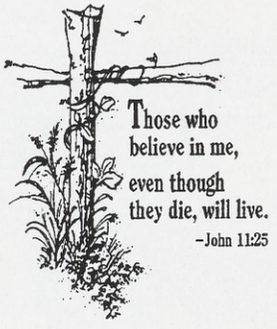

Superintendent J. C. Brewster
Pastor

Elder Stevon Hawley
Officiant

Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord—you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you'd leave me when I needed you most."

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you." †

—Author Unknown

Reflections

Sunrise : November 4, 1965

Sunset : January 15, 1998

Just ordinary people, God chooses just ordinary people to use for the Master's will - people who will do what he commands. What you have, may not seem much, but when you yield it to the touch of the Master's loving hand, then you will understand how your life will never be the same.

Kevin was that an ordinary person, obedient and willing to be used for the Master's service. Kevin was born to the union of Viola Pack and Willie Gauff on November 4, 1965. He attended Loren Miller Elementary School, John Muir Jr. High, and graduated from Manual Arts High School, and subsequently attended Los Angeles Trade Technical College for a short time. After Kevin graduated from high school he worked for the Los Angeles Unified School District's Hobart Children's Center, and one of the H & R Block's Tax offices. He also served at the Assistant Director of Public Relations for Mizell & Rogers Mortuary.

Kevin accepted Christ at an early age. He was an ardent and dedicated member of Mount Olive Church of God In Christ under the pastorage of the late Bishop E. B. Stewart, and the present pastor, Superintendent J. C. Brewster. He was an avid participant in Sunday School and the Y. P. W. W. Department. He faithfully attended the youth services, morning and weekly services, and specials services that were held at Mount Olive. As a child he attended Vacation Bible School and in his adult years, he served as a Vacation Bible School teacher. He sang with the Youth Choir and the General Choir where his gift of directing began to develop. Not only was he active in his local church, but also in the Department of Music, the District, the State and the National Churches of God In Christ, in addition to many other integral areas within the church.

Kevin loved to sing, direct, and praise the Lord. Many were inspired by his God-given gifts and he helped to train and develop other church choirs. Kevin was known to travel across the country going from convention to convention, and you would always find him singing in the convention choir.

A foremost influential person and mentor in Kevin's life was his pastor, Superintendent J. C. Brewster. To him, Elder Brewster was second to none, a man whom he tremendously respected and loved dearly.

Kevin's personality was most unique; no one was ever a stranger to him. He always made himself friendly to whomever he came in contact with. Kevin loved the Lord so much he made sure wherever he went he let someone know about HIS GOD!

He leaves to cherish his precious memories his loving mother, Viola Pack; his loving father, Willie Gauff; his beloved brother Anthony; his grandmother, Bernice Stewart, and his Godmother, Cleo Hickman-Wilson of Pomona, California. His aunts, uncles, great aunts, a host of other relatives, friends, and his Mount Olive Family. We loved him - ***but God loved him best!***

Repast: Robbins Memorial Church of God In Christ
3868 West 54th Street - Los Angeles
Elder Emmanuel Collins, Host Pastor

CELEBRATION of LIFE

Elder Raymond Pillars - Presiding Moderator

VIEWING - 10:00 AM *until* 11:00 AM

Organ Prelude

Family Processional

Hymn of Comfort..... "Beautiful Garden of Prayer"

Prayer.....Superintendent J. C. Brewster

Old Testament ..... Psalm 34:1-9.....Elder James Smith
New Testament ..... 11 Timothy 4:5-8.....Elder Alton Brewster

Praise and Worship.....Sister Judy McAllister

Words of Comfort ..... (please limit your remarks to 3 minutes).....Elder Jeffrey M. Lewis
Deacon Clauis Ballard, Evangelist Eric Cooper, Evangelist Ricky Montgomery and
Elder Emmanuel Collins
Pastor, Robbins Memorial Church of God In Christ

Solo .....*Dear Jesus*.....Brother Todd Bynum

Words of Comfort ..... (please limit your remarks to 3 minutes).....Sister Vivian Worthen
H & R Block Representative
Elder. Lazell Rodgers
Pastor, Normandie Temple Church of God In Christ : State Evangelist Department President
Sister Ellen Chambers
Director Hobart Children's Center

Selection .....*Your Grace & Mercy*..... Combined Choirs

Words of Comfort ..... (please limit your remarks to 3 minutes)..... Sister Hannah Wood
Mount Olive Choir Representative
Sister Judy McAllister
State Minister of Music, Southern California First Jurisdiction

Selection ..... *I Have A Testimony*.....Combined Choirs

Words of Comfort ..... (please limit your remarks to 3 minutes).....Dr. Terence Rhone
State Youth President, Southern California First Jurisdiction
Brother Tony McGill
Church of God In Christ National Choir Representative

Solo .....*I won't Complain*..... Sister Mary Floyd

Words of Comfort .....Superintendent J. C. Brewster
Pastor of Mount Olive Church of God In Christ
Missionary Marilyn Sterling
Mount Olive Church of God In Christ
Rev. Melvin Scott
Pastor of Community Methodist Church
Dr. Barbara McCoo Lewis
State Supervisor of Women, Southern California First Jurisdiction
Rev. Fred Houston
Pastor of Mt. Gazar Baptist Church

Selection .... *I'M On My Way To Heaven To Meet The King*..... Combined Choirs

Family Tribute.....Rev. Keyon Gulley

Acknowledgements & Resolutions.....Elder Peter Luke

Reflections..... Sister Nancy Wright

Selection .....*Order My Steps In Your Word*.....Combined Choirs

The Eulogistic Message.....Evangelist Stevon Hawley

Sealing of Bier..... .....Directors in Charge

Recessional

Internment
Inglewood Memorial Park
720 West Manchester Boulevard
Inglewood, California

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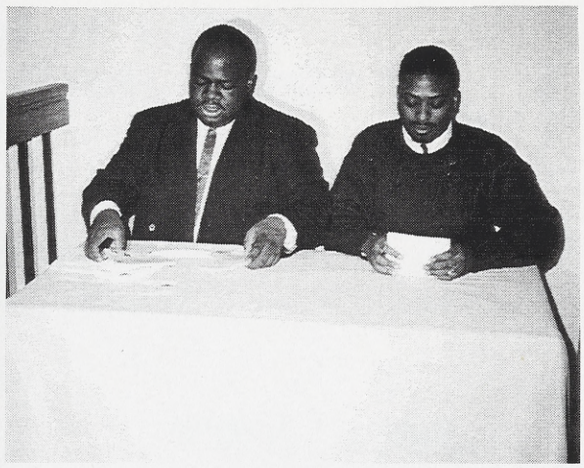

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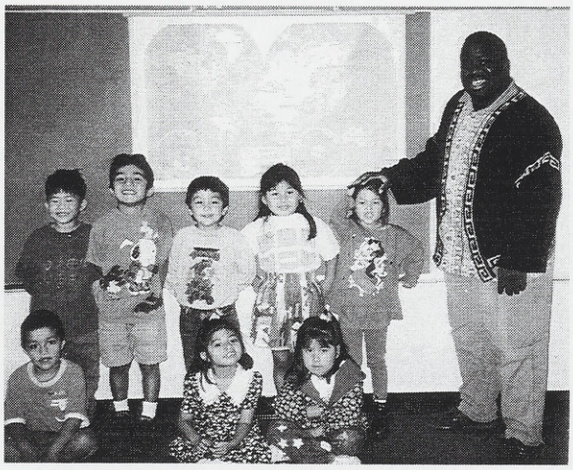

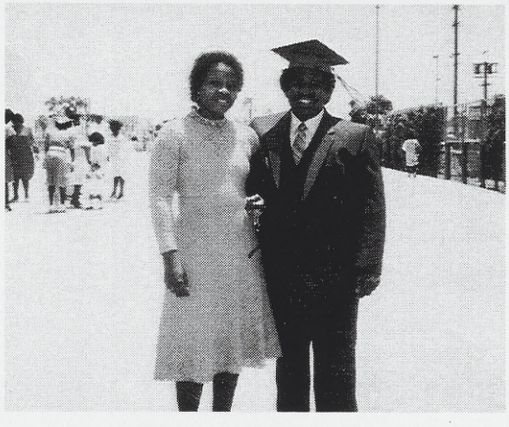

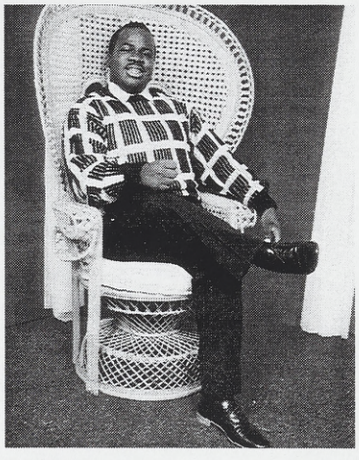

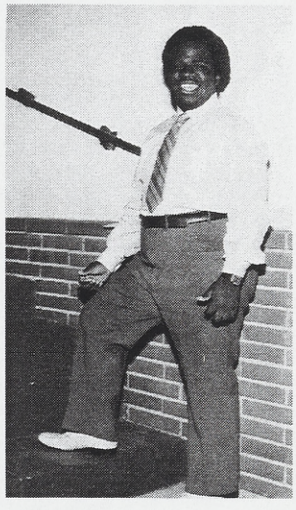

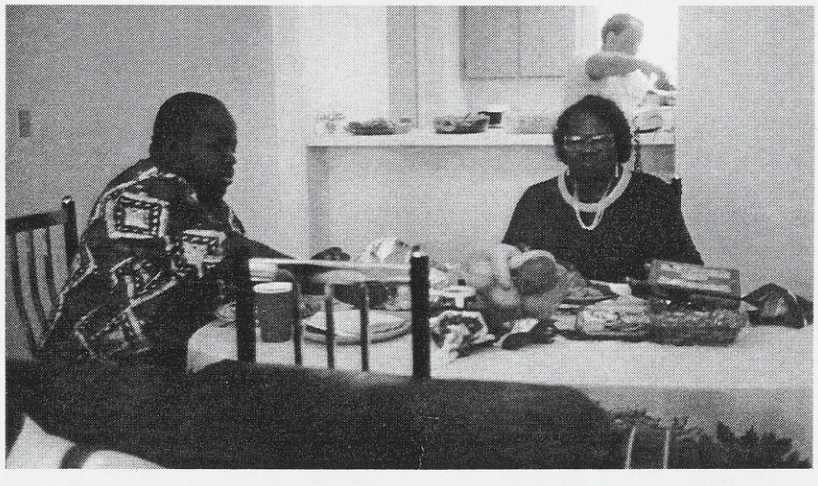

Pall Bearers

~ Daryl Smith ~ ~ Michael Smith ~ ~ Robert Smith ~

~ Harold Jackson ~ ~ Jeffrey Lewis ~ ~ Reggie Windley ~

Honorary Pall Bearers

Mount Olive Church of God In Christ Youth Choir

Southern California State Youth & Young Adult Choirs, Southern California First Jurisdiction

Hobart Children's Center

H & R Block

We truly appreciate the sincere kindness and consideration
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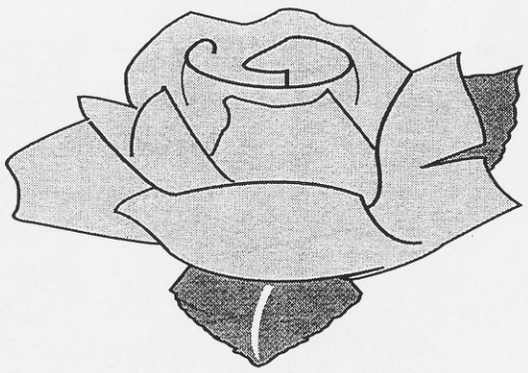
Your thoughtfulness will be appreciated and never forgotten



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